



Drawing from Nature Activity

Drawing doesn't always have to mean using pens and pencils. We can use things found in nature to make marks and textures, and maybe even invent a whole new way of drawing! I often use nature to make art because it reminds me that not everything has to be perfect. A strange stick found in the park or a unique leaf found in the forest, can help us to create unique art too.

1. Get outside and get searching! Can you find ...

- ... a long stick and a short stick?
- ... a thick stick and a thin stick?
- ... a knobbly stick and a smooth stick?
- ... something *rough* and something *delicate*?
- ... an interesting stone or shell?
- ... something **COLOURFUL**?
- ... different leaves from a variety of trees?
- ... something else that's not on this list?



REMEMBER: Be kind to nature.
I like to think that the nature
around me is helping me out,
by lending the tools and
inspiration needed to make art,
so the least I can do is respect
it in return. Only take things
that are loose on the ground
and safe to pick up, and don't
leave any rubbish behind.

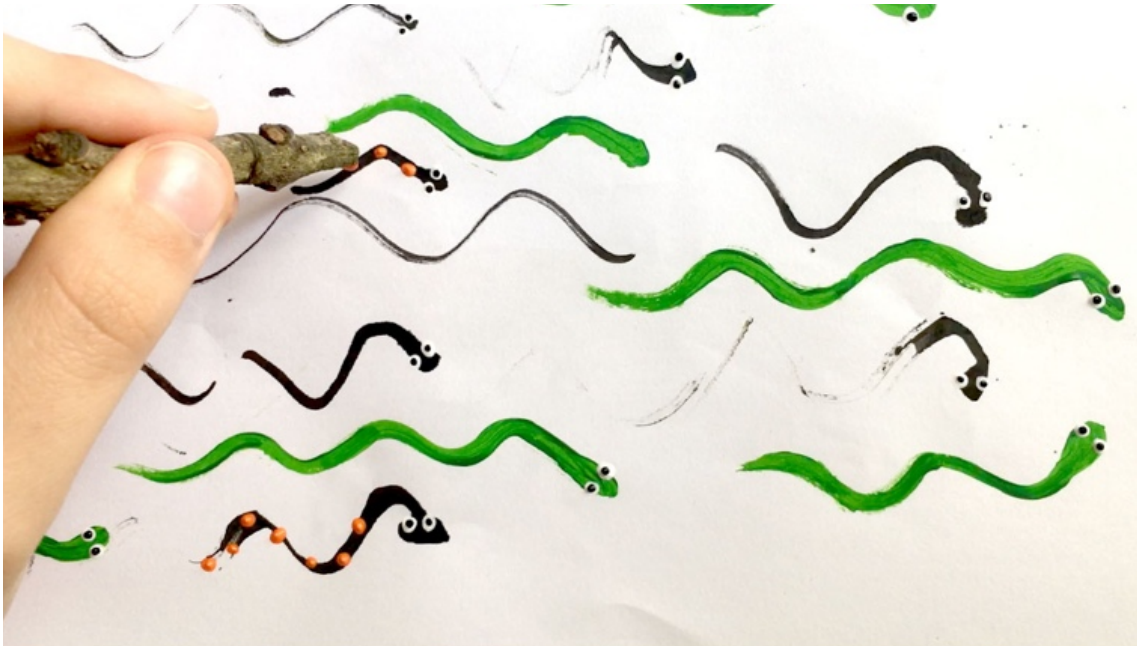


2. Time to draw! Here are some ideas to get you started ...

- Use sticks as paint brushes – draw plants in the garden or around your house. Draw animals you may have seen on your adventures.
- Stand far away from your paper and draw with a really long stick!
- Use a pronged stick to draw two lines at the same time.
- Use things with interesting textures (bark, chunky sticks etc.) as stamps by dipping them in paint and pressing them onto the paper.
- Make a page of stamps using different leaves. Find out what trees they come from and write their names underneath.



- Stamp a shape over and over to make a repeat pattern – this can be used as wrapping paper!
- Try cutting up some of the textures you've made, and use them to collage a new piece of art.
- Transform dots into bugs by drawing on legs, or squiggly lines into worms by adding eyes. What other shapes can you see?



REMEMBER: Every mark you make is unique – even accidental splodges of paint can be transformed into something brilliant with a little imagination! Have fun and see what happens.



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